(b) if so, the location thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New incentive scheme for sugad plants

@792 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new incentive scheme for sugar plants after the withdrawal of the scheme for sugar plants licensed during the seventh plan period in September, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when a new incentive scheme is likely to be announced;

(d) whether Government proposes to give priority to capacity expansion of sugar factories in the country beyond 5000 tonnes a day by lifting the embargo placed on expansion during the seventh plan; and

(e) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard stating (i) the total number of capacity expansion applications pending clearance at the end of 1990; and (ii) when these applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The formulation of a new incentive scheme is under consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e) As on 31.12.1990, 30 applications for expansion of capacity were pending consideration of the Government. The Licensing Policy guidelines for sugar industry are presently being reviewed by the Government. These applcations would be considered after policy formulated after the aforesaid review.

Production of pulses

793. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given by the Central Government to Tamil Nadu in the form of quality seeds of pulses during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 so far;

(b) the production of pulses during the year 1989-90 and the target fixed for 1990-91; and

(c) the quantity of pulses imported during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government of India provided an assistance of Rs. 15.12 lakhs during 1989-90 and of Rs. 22.70 lakhs for 1990-91 for the production and distribution of quality seed to Tamil Nadu state under the National Pulses Development Prrogramme. (NPDP).

(b) The production of pulses during 1989-90 was 12.61 million tonnes, while the target for the year 1990-91 15.0 million tonnes.

(c) 4.29 lakh tonnes of Pulses were imported during 1989-90.

Decongestion of bigger cities

794. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decongest the biggest cities which are overcrowded; and

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